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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. KIKUGAWA, et al

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For: METHOD FOR TESTING OR RECORDING SERVO SIGNAL ON
PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIA

Group: 2651

Examiner: D. Negron

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 27, 2004

Sir:


The following is in response to the August 26, 2004 Office Action in which the Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 USC §121 is required and requested Applicants to elect one of the alleged inventions.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants hereby elect without traverse Species I, Figs. 1-9 to which claims 1-8 are directed for further prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, an Office Action examining claims 1-8 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1021.41260X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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